

Teton County 4-H Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Rice. Members present were Barb Bouma, Sally Heuscher, Jeff Martinson, Terry Stephens and Extension Agents Mark Major and Jane Wolery. Sally led the American pledge and Terry led the 4-H pledge.

The minutes from the previous minutes were read by Cynthia. Terry moved and Sally seconded that we accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Jeff gave the Treasurer's report. The executive committee had approved a loan to the exchange group to purchase cherries for their cherry sale. The loan should be repaid by Sept. 9. Sally moved and Terry seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Livestock- Terry reported that the committee met and talked about the fair. The "Kiss-A-Pig" and "Old Goat" raised \$361.61 which will be donated to the Taylor Challenge. Mark also reported that the committee is working on getting more water to the new wash racks and fixing the pig waterers.

Exchange- Jane reported that the exchange went well and everyone made it home safely. They will meet on Sunday at Hodgskiss' to organize the new group and review the policy.

Record Books- the committee met and judged the books submitted for quality. The winners were: Pre-juniors Zane Somerfeld and Brigid Miller; Junior Connor Crary; and Seniors Chottie Crary and Susan Heuscher.

Horse- Barb reported that the committee met and agreed that the fair went well. The committee would like to move the horse show to a date later in the summer. This is primarily a safety issue, as our fair is early in the year, and the members don't have a lot of time to prepare because of school and weather. The committee is looking at possibly the 2nd or 3rd week of August. This issue was discussed among the council and it was decided that it should be brought before the fair committee.

4-H Camp- Numbers were up. The younger counselors did a great job and the directors were great. The office purchased a book for Cindy Luoma as a thank you for all her years of service. There is an extra copy of the book in the office to show to people to highlight the positive aspects of camp.

4-H Congress- We had a small delegation this year, but paired up with other counties for meetings. Our livestock judging team got second, but the team that won has already gone to Denver, so our team has the option to go. If the team does decide to go, the council will look at helping with expenses.

Unfinished Business:

Jeff moved and Terry seconded that council donate \$100 to the Taylor Challenge. Motion passed.

4-H Treasurer books/GEN Paperwork- We met the deadline on the new tax issues. All club and committee Treasurer books have to be in the office in October for review.

Council Constitution- The executive committee passed a few changes to the constitution because of the new GEN

paperwork.

Rec-Lab 2012- Our district is hosting this in Lewistown March 16-18. The theme is "100 Years of Green". Jane has been attending meetings and our county is in charge of evaluations. They are calling for workshop proposals.

Ten Year Awards- We have been giving water bottles to the 10 year members, but it was agreed that we could come up with something better. A fleece blanket was one suggestion, as well as an emergency kit for a vehicle.

New Business

Shooting sports- There will be a training in Great Falls in mid September. Mark got a grant from the NRA for about \$2000. The members involved in pistol and rifle will meet in November through March and then the Cowboy Action shooting will start up.

National 4-H Congress- Susan Heuscher will be attending this year.

Montana Leadership Forum- Terry is attending this at Big Sky.

Alberta Leaders Forum is in January in Edmonton.

Applications are available for leaders wishing to attend.

WRLF will be held in Cheyenne, WY Jan 12-15.

4-H Enrollment materials were handed out.

Tribute to Volunteer Excellence- These awards are given out at Leaders Forum in September. Jane would like ideas on who we should nominate for next year. Cynthia and Terry will meet and work on this.

We have extra water bottles from camp and caps from fair.

We will put these out with the other awards at fair for members to choose.

Harvest Howl for Camp Rotary is Nov. 4 in Great Falls.

The food drive will be held in Choteau on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Susan Heuscher, Connor Hodgskiss and Chottie Crary and Sarah Hodgskiss are in charge.

Club rotations for fair were discussed. We will look at setting up the Pavilion later in the week and possibly see if this could be done by a Choteau club to take travel time off people from farther away in the county.

Would it be possible to have the theme for the year be "100 year of 4-H: Past, Present and Possibilities", as this is the Centennial theme. We could get the old pictures from Frank Kelly blown up and hang at various events.

The office ran ads to encourage people to join 4-H in the Fairfield and Choteau papers the first part of September. Barb moved and Sally seconded that we run the same type of ad in conjunction with a volunteer appreciation ad during 4-H week. Motion passed.

Elections were held and Terry moved and Jeff seconded that by acclimation the new President is Connor Hodgskiss and the new Treasurer will be Dawn Sullivan. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be in Choteau. Jane will Doodle people about the date and time.

Meeting adjourned.